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Title: Need to release a commemorative coin in honour of Bharat Kesari Mannathu Padmanabhan, an eminent social reformer of Kerala.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Bharat Kesari Mannathu Padmanabhan was one of the greatest social workers and reformers in Kerala. He was the founder of Nair Service Society which is working for the welfare and upliftment of Nair community in Kerala. Shri Mannathu Padmanabhan contributed in eradicating the poor condition of economically backward communities in Kerala. He advocated equality among forward and backward communities.

He was a freedom fighter and took initiative for Vaikam Satyagraha for entry of backward people in the temple on the advice of Mahatma Gandhi. He led a demonstration from Vaikam to Trivandrum for the entry of backward people into temples.

Shri Mannathu Padmanabhan was a great economist, social reformer and educationist. He maintained communal harmony and relationship with all castes and religions. Shri Mannathu Padmanabhan established several schools and colleges in Kerala for providing better education to all the students irrespective of their castes and religions. He also established several hospitals in Kerala for the poor people in Kerala. Finally, the Government of India has bestowed the honour of Bharat Kesari on him for his contribution towards the society. He died in the year 1970.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to consider releasing a Commemorative Coin in the name of Bharat Kesari Mannathu Padmanabhan recognizing the services rendered by him for the welfare of the poor people of Kerala.